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SUBJECT: BUILDINGS: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FY 1977 M& R

REF: A) STATE 163999 AND B) ATHENS 5755

1. POST WISHES TO STRESS THAT IT BELIEVES PROVISIONS OF 6 FAM 753 ARE COUCHED IN TERMS WHICH ALLOW CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE IN INTERPRETATION. WE ASSURE FBO OUR INTERPRETATION OF ITS PROVISIONS WAS SINCERE AND NOT ARBITRARY. IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL BE GUIDED BY ANY COMMENTS FBO MAY MAKE ON SPECIFIC INTERPRETATIONS. BELOW IS OUR RESPONSE TO REFTEL A) WITH WHICH WE HOPE YOU CONCUR.

2. A. MINOR IMPROVEMENTS:

1) MODIFICATIONS TO THE NON-IMMIGRANT AND NOTARIAL OFFICES (NOT PUBLIC AREAS) CONSISTED OF FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF FREE STANDING WOOD AND GLASS PARTITIONS AND A SECTIONALIZED COUNTER. WE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 6 FAM 753-F. ITS ONLY EFFECT ON "SPACE FUNCTION" WAS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY. COST - \$4,900.

2) ACCOUSTICAL TILES WERE INSTALLED IN CONSULAR AREA TO REDUCE NOISE LEVEL AND 6 FAM 753 WAS NOT APPLICABLE. COST \$4,900.

3) IRON FENCE INSTALLATION AT BLAINE HOUSE WAS DONE TO REMEDY AN URGENT SECURITY PROBLEM. APPEARANCE WAS IMPROVED AND WE DID
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NOT BELIEVE 6 FAM 753-B APPLIED. COST - \$3,622.

4) AIR VELOCITY COUNTER IS TO MODIFY FLOW OF HOT/COLD AIR THROUGH DUCTS TO COMPENSATE FOR DAILY, EVEN HOURLY, CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS. SINCE REFTEL B) WAS SUBMITTED, HONEYWELL TECHS ADVISE THE EXISTING "COUNTER" CAN BE ADJUSTED. COST IS LITTLE

AND THIS PROJECT MAY BE DELETED FROM OUR REQUESTS.

5) MODIFICATIONS TO IMMIGRANT VISA SECTION WERE THE SAME AS WAS DONE IN NON-IMMIGRANT ANDNOTARIAL OFFICE. DO NOT BELIEVE 6 FAM 753-F APPLIES. COST - \$1,000.

6) NEW OFFICE IN FBU ONLY REQUIRES REMOVAL OF ONE SMALL NON-SUPPORTING WALL IN A "WASTED SPACE AREA" OPENING A DOOR TO THE HALL. POST DOES NOT BELIEVE 6 FAM 753 APPLIES. COST - \$1,000.

7) THE SOLAR WATER HEATER WAS PURCHASED AS A MONEY SAVING EXPERIMENT IN SUNNY GREECE. WE BELIEVE IT WILL CONSERVE ENERGY, SAVE COSTS AND PAY FOR ITSELF. IT COULD BE ARGUED THAT THIS IS A "CHANGE IN FUEL" AND 6 FAM 753-M MIGHT APPLY. WE DIDN'T SEE IT THAT WAS AND INSTALLED IT -- IT WORKS BEAUTIFULLY. COST - \$2,100.

8) THE INSTALLATION OF A COMPRESSED AIR TANK IS TO PROVIDE CONSTANT WATER PRESSURE TO PREVENT BURSTING WATER PIPES CAUSED BY FLUCTUATIONS IN PRESSURE INHERENT IN OUR EXISTING SYSTEM. THIS INSTALLATION WAS APPROVED BY M4. JENNINGS ON HIS RECENT VISIT. ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IS A COUPLING OF THE PRESSURE TANK TO THE EMERGENCY WATER TANK WHICH WILL BE DONE BY OUR TECHS. COST OF TANK AND FITTINGS IS APPROXIMATELY \$5,000.

9) THE EMBASSY IS UNDER WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONNECT KNOX HOUSE TO THE CITY SEWAGE SYSTEM WE WISH TO COOPERATE WITH THEM AND IMPROVE THE SANITARY FACILITIES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THIS HOUSE. IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER OF FUNDING A PIPE INSTALLATION FROM THE HOUSE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED MAIN SEWAGE SYSTEM. WE DON'T THINK IT IS AND 6 FAM 753-M DOES NOT APPLY. COST ESTIMATE IS \$2,500.

COMMENTS: ALL ABOVE ITEMS (EXCEPT #4, DELETED) COST \$23,022. POST REQUESTS SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOTMENT TO FUNCTIONAL CODE 220 BE AUTHORIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,022.

B. ALTERATIONS:

1) THE EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR EXHAUST WAS EXTENDED 20 FT. OUT FROM THE EMBASSY AS FUMES WERE PERMEATING THE CONSULAR AREA. MANY EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS WERE MADE ILL AND HAD TO VACATE THE PREMISES. DO NOT BELIEVE 6 FAM 753 APPLIES. COST - \$1,900.

2) PLASTIC TILE IN BLAINE HOUSE REPLACED CHIPPED, PERFORATED, DIRTY AND WORN TILES. THE RETILING WAS DONE FOR SANITARY REASONS AND TO IMPROVE APPEARANCE. COST - \$530.

3) EMBASSY IS UNDER WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FROM ATHENS PUBLIC POWER

COMMISSION TO INSTALL A 4 CABLE SWITCH TO PREVENT CURRENT LEAKING FROM OUR GENERATOR TO THE CITY POWER LINES IF THERE IS AN AREA ELECTRICAL BREAKDOWN. POST WISHES TO CONFORM WITH LOCAL SAFETY CODE WHICH ONLY REQUIRES REPLACEMENT OF OUR 3POLE SWITCH WITH A 4 POLE SWITCH. 6 FAM 753 DOES NOT SEEM TO APPLY. COST \$2,500.

4) THE RENOVATIONS/MODIFICATIONS FOR JEFFERSON HOUSE ARE BASED ON YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN BEING RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF A NEW AMBAS-SADOR. IF ANY WORK COMES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF 6 FAM 753, FBO WILL BE INFORMED OF DETAILS. COST - \$5,000.

COMMENTS: TOTAL COST OF ABOVE WORK DONE OR TO BE DONE IS \$9,930 AND POST REQUESTS SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOTMENT TO FUNCTIONAL CODE 220 BE AUTHORIZED IN THAT AMOUNT.

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C. MAJOR REPAIRS:

1) A TRANSFER POWER SWITCH BURNED OUT WHICH REQUIRED TURNING OFF ALL EMERGENCY AND CITY POWER UNTIL IT WAS TEMPORARILY BRIDGED. THIS CREATED A SAFETY AND SECURITY PROBLEM AND, AS THE REMEDY WAS A REPLACEMENT AS OPPOSED TO AN INSTALLATION, WE DID NOT BELIEVE 6 FAM 753-M APPLIED. COST - \$3,000.

2) THE BUCHANAN HOUSE CENTRAL HEATING UNIT WAS PERFORATED AND LEAKED WATER WHICH CAUSED THE BURNER TO SHORT AND BURN OUT COMPLETELY. IT WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER AND REQUIRED IMMEDIATE ACTION. AS IT WAS REPLACEMENT OF A LIKE ITEM, WE DID NOT BELIEVE 6 FAM 753-M APPLIED. COST - \$1,700

3) THE ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL WORK AT JEFFERSON HOUSE CONSISTED OF

A) REPLACING WITH LIKE ITEMS THE RUSTED OUT PIPES TO THE CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM (WHICH CAUSED FLOODS IN THE HOUSE AND GARDENS) AND
B) THE NEED TO REPLACE WITH LIKE ITEMS THE GARDEN LIGHT FIXTURES

AND NEW WIRING FOR THE EXISTING CORRODED AND DANGEROUS WIRING.
BEING LIKE REPLACEMENTS, WE DO NOT THINK 6 FAM 753 APPLIES.
COST-\$2,300.

4) THE CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM IN KNOX HOUSE IS PRECARIOUSLY
CLOSE TO THE CONDITION OF THE SYSTEM OF BUCHANAN HOUSE (SEE C-2
ABOVE). TO PREVENT A POSSIBLE DANGEROUS BURN-OUT THIS WINTER, IT
SHOULD BE REPLACED NOW AND 6 FAM 753 DOES NOT APPEAR TO APPLY.
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A LARGER UNIT IS REQUIRED AT A COST OF \$1,850.

5) EXACTLY THE SAME SITUATION EXISTS WITH THE CENTRAL HEATING
SYSTEM IN ADAMS HOUSE. A SMALLER UNIT IS REQUIRED AT A COST OF
\$1,750.

COMMENTS: POST REQUESTS SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOTMENT TO FUNCTIONAL
CODE
610 BE AUTHORIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,600 FOR THE ABOVE 5
PROJECTS ALREADY DONE OR NEEDING TO BE DONE.

D. COUNTER TERRORISM

1) THE MAIN LOBBY PROTECTIVE BOOTH FOR THE MSG/RECEPTIONIST WAS
ORIGINALLY APPROVED IN 1975 AND FUNDED BY STATE 254538 OF 10/25/75.
THE PROJECT WAS DELAYED DUE TO THE EXPANDED USE OF INTERNAL
SECURITY SYSTEMS REQUIRING REWIRING AND MODIFICATIONS FOR NEW
EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE GREATER SECURITY. THE REQUESTED FUNDING
IS SIMPLY TO CONCLUDE A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECT. COST - \$2,500.

2) THE INSTALLATION OF SY GARDEN LIGHTS IN BLAINE HOUSE WAS AN
URGENT REMEDY FOR A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION. PART OF
THIS WAS FUNDED IN FY-76 AND PAID TO A CONTRACTOR. IT WAS THEN
DECIDED TO PUT THE CABLES UNDERGROUND, WHICH WAS DONE THIS FISCAL
YEAR BY EMBASSY TECHS. COST FOR BRICKS AND CONCRETE FOR UNDER-
GROUND TRENCH WAS \$710.

3) THE PLANS, SPECS AND BIDS FOR THE PROTECTIVE BOOTH FOR THE
CONSULAR SECTION MSG/RECEPTIONIST WERE SUBMITTED TO A/FBO AND
A/SY/FO BY RSO MEMOS (WITH ATTACHMENTS) OF 3/17/77 AND 3/21/77.
THEY WERE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY STATE 131736 AND BY MEMO
FROM CHIEF EUR, A/SY/FO DATED 4/18/77. POST UNDERSTANDS THERE ARE
NO MORE TERRORIST FUNDS AND DECIDED THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE FOR THIS
URGENT PROJECT WAS FUNDING FROM S & E MONEY IN HAND. COST -
\$3,100.

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4) THE MOVING OF THE RESIDENCE ENTRY GATE BACK 25 FEET WAS SUBMITTED AND APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE SAME REFERENCES AS INDICATED IN 3) ABOVE. THE POST IS TOO SHORT OF FUNDS TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT. COST - \$3,800.

5) THE INSTALLATION OF SY SHUTTERS ON FRENCH WINDOWS IN CLAY HOUSE WAS SUBMITTED UNDER A-172, 1976, I.E., OUR SUBMISSION FOR THE FY-77 BUDGET. AGAIN, WE ARE TOO SHORT OF FUNDS TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT. COST - \$2,500.

COMMENTS: A) IF THERE ARE ANY LOOSE TERRORIST FUNDS LOOKING FOR A GOOD CAUSE, POST REQUESTS SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOTMENT TO FUNCTIONAL CODE 212 BE AUTHORIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,610 TO FUND THE ABOVE 5 PROJECTS.

3. THE TOTAL OF ITEMS 2A THROUGH D IS \$56,162. THE EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO DELETE ITEM B-4 (ANTICIPATED EXPENSE FOR NEW AMBASADOR) AND THE MISC. ITEMS LISTED IN PARA. 3 OF REFTEL A), COSTING SOME \$12,000, IF FBO CAN FUND \$50,000. THE \$6,162 COULD BE DEDUCTED FROM THE \$9,930 REQUESTED IN PARA. 2 B ABOVE FOR FUNCTIONAL CODE 220. IF FURTHER EXPLANATIONS/JUSTIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST AS TIME IS SHORT AND MONEY GONE.

4. ESSENTIALLY, THE ABOVE PROJECTS WERE/ARE URGENT AND WERE/ARE FOR REPLACEMENTS OR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING OFFICES OR EQUIPMENT. IF PLANS, SPECS, ETC., ARE STILL REQUIRED, PLEASE ADVISE ON AN ITEM-BY-ITEM BASIS. AS CONCERNS THE EXTENSIVE WORK IN THE CONSULAR AREAS, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ASKED AMB. SCHAUFLE MANY POINTED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF CONSULAR SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN ATHENS. HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THEM IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AND WILL FIND THEM MUCH IMPROVED.

5. FYIN THE POST HOPED TO FUND THE PROJECTS FROM ITS BASIC ALLOTMENT OF \$100,000. A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM INITIATED UNCLASSIFIED

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LAST MAY REVEALED MANY ITEMS REQUIRING REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT AND A DEDICATED AND IMAGINATIVE RSO INITIATED MANY NEW SY REQUIREMENTS. IT WAS SOON OBVIOUS OUR M & R ALLOTMENT WAS SHORT. AS YOU KNOW, OUR REQUESTED BASE FOR FY-77 WAS \$114,300 PLUS 4 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS COSTING \$11,200 FOR A JUSTIFIED BASE OF \$125,500. NOT INCLUDED (NOR EXPECTED BY THE EMBASSY) WAS ANOTHER \$29,000 IN MINOR IMPROVEMENTS WHICH THE POST NEVER JUSTIFIED FOR WHATEVER REASON. THE POST IS WELL AWARE OF AND SYMPATHIZES WITH FBO'S FUNDING PROBLEMS BUT DESPERATELY HOPES A GLEANING OF THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL WILL TURN UP THE MINIMUM FUNDS NEEDED TO FINISH THIS DIFFICULT YEAR. REST ASSURED, YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE APPRECIATED, \$50,000 WORTH.

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